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Where you lead

The Hispanic Faculty/Staff Association discusses "Sustaining Leadership Through Troubled Times" at the 2010 Leadership Symposium, Texas Union Ballroom, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Making memories

UT Center for Learning and Memory hosts an interactive public program looking at how your brain makes memories. Frank Erwin Center Lone Star Room, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Get in line

The longest-running American musical in Broadway history, "A Chorus Line", comes to Bass Concert Hall today and runs through Sunday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Make like a tree

Sea Wolf opens for The Album Leaf at The Parish, 8 p.m.

On the back nine

Second day of the UIL Golf State Championship. Visit www.uil.utexas.edu for schedules and course information.

What a racket

Last day of the UIL Tennis State Championship. 2A and 3A schools play at UT's Penick-Allison Courts, all day.

Suit up

Graduates, don't forget to order your graduation regalia by Friday. Stop by the Co-op Outlet or go to www.universitycoop.com

Today in history

In 1893

Anna Hiss, director of women's physical education at the University of Texas, is born in Baltimore.

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Quote to note

"There were just cool people here, and I wanted to be around cool people. When I visited some other places, there were some lame people."

— **Mia Behm**
Longhorn athlete on her decision to attend UT

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Budget woes permeate campus



Tamir Kalifa | Daily Texan Staff

Classics professor Tom Palaima and English professor Alan Friedman speak after a Faculty Council meeting Monday that addressed the University's plan to cut \$14.6 million from its recurring budget.

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Cafe proposal seeks to involve students

By Shabab Siddiqui
Daily Texan Staff

Supporters of maintaining the Cactus Cafe under its current management submitted a business proposal Friday to Juan González, vice president for student affairs.

The plan is authored by various representatives from the UT organization Student

Friends of the Cactus Cafe and nonprofit organization Friends of the Cactus Cafe. It outlines ways to increase student involvement in booking and performances, to explore alternative profit-boosting mechanisms, to build partnerships with other music-related entities and to develop a fundraising base. According to the plan, the duty of pro-

gramming would remain with the current cafe management. In order to increase student involvement, the Student Events Center would be guaranteed a minimum of 40 evenings of programming and would meet with the management to sort out dates and

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UT officials plan to cut \$14 million from budget

By Lena Price & Shabab Siddiqui
Daily Texan Staff

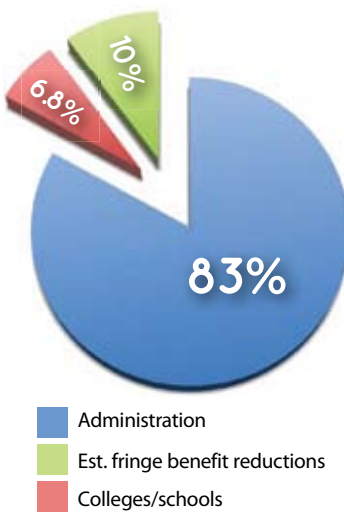
Administrators announced plans Monday to cut more than \$14 million in recurring funds from the University budget, primarily targeting administrative offices.

The reductions are in preparation for a likely shortfall in the state's budget over the next two years. All cuts must be implemented by August 2011. The announcement marks the culmination of discussions about the University budget that started in June 2009, and there are no plans for further cuts, said President William Powers Jr.

"We are looking at economic realities," Powers said. "This is not

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Budget Reduction Plan



Program aims to increase faculty startup companies

By Alex Geiser
Daily Texan Staff

A new program within UT's Office of Technology Commercialization will increase the number of startup companies the University produces, despite the fact that UT-Austin already generates more ventures than any other institution in the UT System.

The New Ventures program will focus solely on creating new startups and innovative startup programs based exclusively on research and inventions coming out of UT-Austin faculty.

Betsy Merrick, associate marketing and public relations director for the commercialization office, said the New Ventures specialist will hopefully begin working with the program within the next six months. UT created 46 new startup companies between 2002 and 2009, according to data from the commercial-

ization office.

The process of academic technology commercialization begins in the labs of universities like UT. When researchers in the lab make a discovery of any kind, many choose to license the idea to existing companies, who then mass-produce and market the invention.

If a researcher chooses not to license the invention to an existing company, many times, the researcher forms his or her own startup business used to market and disperse his or her invention. Startups, too, are an important facet of technology transfer. Merrick said the University and the state economies benefit from startups because of the jobs they produce and the interest they gain.

"Exposing these technologies to the marketplace is what

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University hosts energy symposium

Corporation provides educational sessions to shed light on issues

By Hannah Jones
Daily Texan Staff

A national energy management company chose to educate those involved in the evolving energy industry on the UT campus Monday.

The Eaton Corporation held one of its two nationwide symposiums at the AT&T Executive Education and Conference Center to promote collaboration among the energy industry, the public sector and academia, said Paul Cody, general manager and vice president of Eaton's Electrical Service and Systems Division.

Eaton is an energy power management company and industrial manufacturer in multiple fields, including agriculture, community infrastructure, health care, government and



Stephanie Meza | Daily Texan Staff

Luke Metzger, director of Environment Texas, was a panelist during the Energy Evolution Symposium on Monday.

military. Educational and panel sessions throughout the day covered topics such as renewable energy, high-performance buildings, energy efficiency and hybrid and advanced vehicle technology.

Cody said Austin is recog-

nized as one of the leading cities for environmental energy sustainability and that there is a lot of awareness about the subject.

"The main thrust of the program is to bring together

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Catalina Padilla | Daily Texan Staff

Clark Ford, a communication studies senior, tries on his cap and gown made from recycled plastic bottles at the Co-op on Monday.

Co-op graduation apparel uses recycled materials

By Audrey White
Daily Texan Staff

UT students can add environmental sustainability to their list of accomplishments on graduation day. Each cap and gown sold at the University Co-op this year was made from the repurposed materials of 23 plastic bottles that would otherwise have gone into landfills.

UT is the first school in Texas, and the largest school in the nation, to adopt the gown program from manufacturer Oak Hall Cap & Gown. Other schools that have adopted the program include Kansas State University, Yale University and the University of Pennsylvania, said Kristen Hilbert, the online or-

ders and graduation manager at the Co-op. As soon as she heard about the program, called GreenWeaver, she knew the University should be part of it.

"There is a trend of 'buy organic and go eco-friendly,'" Hilbert said. "We're charged to find trends and apply them to our department. As soon as I saw [Oak Hall] putting out teasing messages that they were introducing [the recycled gowns], we knew we had to offer them."

The Co-op's undergraduate cap, gown and stoll package costs \$49.98, about \$5 more

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GRAD: Group to receive donation from Oak Hall

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than last year's set. The stoll is not made out of recycled materials. Given the average number of about 6,300 graduates each spring semester, UT's caps and gowns will repurpose an estimated 150,000 water bottles.

In addition, Oak Hall will take the caps and gowns back at the end of the year and re-use the materials to make new gowns. The Co-op will accept the gowns back from May 21-26, and students who return their gowns by May 23 will receive a coupon for 20 percent off a purchase at the Co-op.

The gowns are also less easily wrinkled and less shiny, so some students may consider them more appealing, Hilbert said.

"Students are worried about other things. They seem to think it's cool, but nothing overzealous," Hilbert said. "When I got the new ones, though, I put up a display of last year's and this year's, because there is a distinct difference. These are much nicer quality, and they look fantastic."

The concept of the renewable caps and gowns fits in line with UT's overall environmental sustainability goals, said microbiology and government senior Khushbu Patel. She said she was happy to hear about the initiative when she purchased her cap and gown.

"It's a great idea," she said. "UT is so big, so it really makes a difference because of how many graduates we have. It's another environmental thing to add to our list. And the new ones look a lot better."

Oak Hall will also donate a small percentage of the profits from each gown purchased to a University environmental group of the Co-op's choosing. Hilbert said the Co-op has not yet selected an organization to benefit, but the total amount will probably come to between \$1,500 and \$2,000.

'STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN'



A UT student climbs the staircase in the Main Building on Monday afternoon.

Tamir Kalifa
Daily Texan Staff

ENERGY: Senator of Texas weighs future of industry

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public, private, government and academia for collaboration in an educational format," Cody said. "Participants of the conference have been very interactive with an eagerness to learn and apply it."

Texas Sen. Kirk Watson (D-Austin), an economic development speaker and the former mayor of Austin from 1997 until 2001, concluded the conference. He said this era is monumental for the state and energy industry, and collaboration will replace the conflict that has overwhelmed the energy debate for years.

"Today, we face a transition of issues from the past and new ones," Watson said. "Our transformation will impact every sector of our industry. This new era brings new environmental

challenges. We need to make natural resources from the sun and wind as essential as fossil fuels and the technological transformation."

Attendee Paul Turner, executive director of facilities for the Austin Independent School District, said the informational sessions laid out a good framework for new projects and gave him new ideas on additional technological innovations.

Turner said there has been an initiative to get students involved with energy conservation on campuses and that the conference was an opportunity to build on what he is trying to teach.

"This was a good way of helping people think about what they can do and validate if what they are currently doing is working," he said.

“Our transformation will impact every sector of our industry.”

— Kirk Watson
Texas senator

STARTUP: Program aspires to make UT leaders in commercialization

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brings more money to the University for further research endeavors," Merrick said. "When we are working with startups, we bring federal and out-of-state research funding. It is our ability [at the Office of Technology Commercialization] to convert UT-Austin's research capacity into commercial activity."

Talk of the New Venture program aside, UT-Austin and the eight other universities and six health care centers that make up the UT System have already proved to be leaders in commercialization activity, according to a report released in January by the Association of University Technology Managers.

The U.S. Licensing Activity Survey for the 2008 fiscal year ranked the UT System second nationally in the number of startups created, third in licenses and options executed and fourth in the number of U.S. patents issued. According to the report, the number of startup companies formed out of the UT System in 2008 was 25, and 10 of these came from UT-Austin.

Jodi Talley, spokeswoman for the association, said the annual report is meant to provide universities with a snapshot of what is going on across the country, so they can compare their progress to other universities of similar size. Through their reports, she

said the association has noticed an upward trend overall in the number of patents and licensing each year, which she said benefits the country's economy.

The Intellectual Property Today 2009 Patent Scorecard, which ranked 124 of the top universities based on the strength of their patents, ranked the UT System fifth in the strength of the technology patented. The ranking is a combined measure of the quality and quantity of patents produced at the institution. The UT System was granted 101 patents in 2009, according to the scorecard.

The 1988 invention of the balloon-expandable stent — used as an alternative to invasive bypass surgery — was patented by Julio Palmaz, a researcher at the UT-San Antonio Health Sciences Center. UT System spokesman Matt Flores said this invention provides a good example of what can be accomplished at research institutions, including those within the UT System.

"We are not just making new discoveries, but the discoveries that we make are leading to breakthrough inventions that benefit society," Flores said. "We can make a better grapefruit, and we can extend life through medical procedures. We are educating students, but they are also developing new knowledge that serves as the frame for new discoveries."

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President Barack Obama introduces Solicitor General Elena Kagan as his nominee for Supreme Court Justice in the East Room of the White House on Monday. Kagan will replace the retiring Justice John Paul Stevens.

Obama names justice nominee

Former Harvard dean to help 'seal majority votes' on Supreme Court bench

By Ben Feller
The Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Introducing his Supreme Court nominee to the nation Monday, President Barack Obama portrayed Elena Kagan as a guiding force for a fractured court and a champion of typical Americans. She would be the youngest justice on the court and give it three women for

the first time in history. Less excited, Republican senators said they would give the nomination a long, hard look in summertime confirmation hearings. One declared he would oppose her, but Democrats hold a strong majority of Senate seats, making eventual approval likely. In choosing Kagan, the U.S. solicitor general and a former dean of Harvard Law School, Obama sought someone he hopes will seal majority votes on a divided court, as the retiring Justice John Paul Stevens had the ability to do. The president, who said Kagan has "one of the nation's foremost legal minds," wanted someone who could counter the court's conservative leaders and sway votes with her thinking and temperament. Kagan said the court allows "all Americans, regardless of their background or their beliefs, to get a fair hearing and an equal chance at justice." That seemingly straightforward line of thinking has enormous weight with Obama, who has grown frustrated with a Supreme Court

he says is tilting away from average Americans. If confirmed, Kagan would succeed Stevens, who became a leader of the court's liberals. He will soon leave the court at age 90 after nearly 35 years. Obama called Stevens a giant in the law and then passed the responsibility onto his friend Kagan to "ultimately provide the same kind of leadership." Kagan, who is unmarried, was born in New York City and holds degrees from Princeton, Oxford and Harvard.

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After party losses, Brown to resign as Prime Minister

By David Stringer & Paisley Dodds
The Associated Press

LONDON — British Prime Minister Gordon Brown made a dramatic bid to keep his beleaguered Labour Party in power after it was punished in elections last week, announcing Monday he will resign by September at the latest even if the Liberal Democrats — being wooed by the Conservatives — decide to join his party in government.

The political theater, played out in front of the iconic black door of No. 10 Downing Street, comes as David Cameron's Conservatives — which won the most seats in Parliament but fell short of a majority — struggled in their attempts to win over the third-place Liberal Democrats.

Brown's party has been willing to entertain supporting the Liberal Democrats' demand for an overhaul of the voting system toward proportional representation, which would greatly increase that party's future seat tallies. But the evening brought a further twist with a counteroffer from the Conservatives — a referendum on a less dramatic type of electoral reform.

Brown, looking statesmanlike but resigned to political reality, accepted blame for Labour's loss of 91 seats in last week's election and its failure to win a parliamentary majority.

No other party won outright, either, resulting in the first "hung Parliament" since 1974 and triggering a frantic scramble between Brown's Labour and the main opposition Conservatives to



Simon Dawson | Associated Press
Gordon Brown speaks to media in London on Monday.

broker a coalition — or at least an informal partnership — with the Liberal Democrats. "As leader of my party, I must accept that that is a judgment on me," Brown said, offering to step down before the party conference in September. Brown's office said Labour's legislators will meet Wednesday to discuss the status of negotiations with Nick Clegg's party — indicating that Britain may face at least two more days without an end to its political stalemate. Liberal Democrat spokesman Simon Hughes said a deal was unlikely within 24 hours but predicted "a government by the end of the week." Brown's announcement signals an end to a political career marked by great promise, considerable achievement and ultimate disappointment.

BP to clean up oil with chemicals

Depth of leak will thwart most containment plans; chemical effects unknown

By Harry R. Weber & John Curran
The Associated Press
GULF OF MEXICO — A remote-controlled submarine shot a chemical dispersant into the massive undersea oil leak Monday, further evidence BP expects the gusher to keep erupting into the Gulf of Mexico for weeks or more.



Jay Reeves | Associated Press
A tugboat pulls supplies near Mobile, Ala. on Monday. Many states are preparing barriers to stop oil coming from the Gulf of Mexico.

Crews using the deep-sea robot attempted to thin the oil — which is rushing up from the seabed at about 210,000 gallons per day — after getting approval from the Environmental Protection Agency, BP PLC officials said. Two previous tests were done to determine the potential impact on the environment, and the third round of spraying began early Monday and will last 24 hours. The EPA said in a statement the effects of the chemicals were still widely unknown. BP engineers, casting about after an ice buildup thwarted their plan to siphon off most of the leak using a 100-ton containment box, pushed ahead with other potential short-term solutions, including using a smaller box and injecting the leak with junk such as golf balls and pieces of tire to plug it. If it works, the well will be filled with mud and cement and abandoned. However, none of these attempts has been tried so deep — about a mile down. Workers were also simultaneously drilling a relief well, the most-permanent solution considered, but that was expected to take up

to three months. At least 4 million gallons were believed to have leaked since an April 20 drilling rig blast killed 11. If the gusher continues unabated, it would surpass the Exxon Valdez disaster as the nation's worst spill by Father's Day. The engineers appear to be "trying anything people can think of" to stop the leak, said Ed Overton, a LSU professor of environmental studies. The new containment device is much smaller, about 4 feet in diameter, 5 feet tall and weighing just under two tons, said Doug Suttles, BP PLC chief operating officer. Unlike the bigger box, it will be connected to a drill ship on the surface by a pipe-within-a-pipe when it's lowered, which will allow crews to pump heated water and methanol immediately to prevent the ice buildup. Back on land, National Guard helicopters ferried multiple loads of 1-ton sandbags to plug gaps in barrier islands that have been lapped at by a sheen of oil. The effort to bolster the islands was meant to safeguard the area's vulnerable wetlands. Authorities also planned to use south Louisiana's system of locks and levees to release water to help keep the worst of the oil at sea. "We're trying to save thousands of acres of marsh here in this area, where the shrimp lay their eggs, where the fin fish lay their eggs, where the crabs come in and out," said Chett Chiasson, executive director of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission. "We're trying to save a heritage, a way of life, a culture that we know here in recreational and commercial fishing." BP — which is responsible for the cleanup — said Monday the spill has cost \$350 million so far for immediate response, containment efforts, commitments to the Gulf Coast states, and settlements and federal costs. The company did not speculate on the final bill, which most analysts expect to run into tens of billions of dollars.

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QUOTES TO NOTE

On budget cuts

“It is essential that we set aside funds to reward excellence in our faculty and staff. If we don’t do that, we won’t remain competitive and retain the best talent available.”

— President William Powers Jr., in a letter to the UT community regarding the University’s planned \$14.6 million budget cut

“I deeply regret that these budget cuts will cost some jobs.”

— Powers, after noting that the cuts will affect 200 administrative positions

“The current model of replacing decreased state support with budget cuts is not sustainable.”

— Powers, on his call for a new system to fund public research universities

On students as consumers

“We’re not Kmart. We aren’t having a blue-light special on history this week.”

— Cary D. Wintz, a Texas Southern University history professor, rejecting the idea of students as consumers in response to a new Texas law that requires professors to post syllabi, information about assignments, curricula vitae and course evaluations to “protect consumers,” according to [insidehighered.com](#)

“Enrolling in a course and finding that it’s not what you needed can be an expensive mistake.”

— Chris Steinbach, chief of staff to the bill’s sponsor, Rep. Lois W. Kolkhorst, according to [insidehighered.com](#)

On choosing not to hire a lesbian professor

“This is discrimination based on sexual orientation and is a complete betrayal of our commitment to human dignity and diversity.”

— Marquette University philosophy professor Nancy E. Snow, on the Jesuit school’s decision to rescind a job offer to sociologist and lesbian Jodie O’Brien, according to The New York Times

“We found some strongly negative statements about marriage and family.”

— Marquette president Rev. Robert A. Wild, on O’Brien’s academic work, which included a study of vignettes of lesbian sex, according to the Times

GALLERY



Is the administration endangering international education at UT?

By Kamran Scot Aghaie
Daily Texan Guest Columnist

The chancellor of the UT System, in a memo dated April 22, 2010, introduced a new policy that automatically suspends all programs and travel by faculty, staff or students to any countries for which the U.S. State Department has issued a travel warning. This new policy, which was developed without broad consultation with faculty or students, and takes effect immediately, has far-reaching implications for the quality of scholarship and education at the University of Texas and threatens to degrade its stature as a respected research university.

While there are situations in which travel to a given country, or parts of a country, may not be safe, such as in cases of war (e.g., Iraq or Afghanistan), State Department travel warnings are not an accurate or useful indicator of safety. Rather, they often constitute diplomatic posturing between nations, rather than being objective or reliable assessments of safety and security. Two cases in point are the changing status of Syria, which was recently removed from the list as a diplomatic concession, and the warning about travel to Iran, which is a reflection of the troubled diplomatic relations between Iran and the United States. Moreover, banning travel to entire countries when only certain areas within those countries present problems (e.g., Mexico and Israel) is also unreasonable.

If this new policy stands, it means that many of the most important regions of the world will no longer be researched, studied or taught by experts at UT. At a time when the United States needs more

experts on the Middle East, the UT System has decided to stop research or study in nearly half the countries of the Middle East (including Israel, Iran, Lebanon, Algeria, Yemen, Iraq, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia and the Sudan), thus banning the work of 85 percent of the Middle East faculty at UT. Similarly, it is inconceivable that the Latin American history program, which is currently the top-ranked program in the U.S., would be unaffected by the fact that this policy bans research or study in Mexico.

We will not be able to recruit or retain scholars who do research on these areas because working at UT would effectively end their careers as scholars. Without these scholars, courses and programs on important parts of the world would disappear from the curriculum or would be taught by non-experts. We would also lose many external grants and donor funds that require international studies and research.

Because I am a historian of Iran, this new policy has direct significance to me as a teacher and scholar. It would mean that I will no longer be allowed to do research on Iran, unless I can figure out a way to do so from my living room or office. I suppose my options may perhaps be limited to watching CNN or surfing the web. This is particularly troubling at a time when knowledge of Iran is critical to the security and welfare of the U.S. and the international community. With our research banned by the administration, we would not be able to get tenure, be promoted or receive raises, because research is the most important criterion in all of these. Many assistant professors would inevitably be denied tenure and would

be let go, because they will be required by the University to do research that is at the same time disallowed by the University. This would inevitably, and rightly, lead to lawsuits against the University, taxing our resources and tarnishing our reputation.

UT should refuse to implement this policy because it is poorly thought out and violates the most basic academic principles to which UT aspires. A variety of solutions should be discussed broadly by faculty and administrators, with student input, and the State Department travel warning list should be abandoned entirely in this discussion. The administration needs to step back and remember that we do serious work here that sometimes involves some unavoidable risks. The University has to be more creative in finding solutions.

We must also start using accurate language when discussing this problem. My experience is that whenever administrators or lawyers talk about “safety,” they actually mean “liability,” which is not at all the same thing. This policy is aimed primarily at minimizing the University’s legal and financial liability, not at ensuring the safety of faculty, staff and students. Since liability is the main issue, the University should explore ways of obtaining insurance that covers any such liability, as do all other industries that face liability associated with risk in the work environment.

The solution is not to prevent faculty from doing their jobs and students from studying about the world.

Aghaie is the director of the Center for Middle Eastern Studies.

GALLERY



In ‘post-gay’ world, activism takes on different meanings



By David Muto
Associate Editor

I was a closeted senior in high school in 2005, when Texas voters — 76 percent of them, and 253 of Texas’ 254 counties — approved Proposition 2, banning gay marriage in the state.

It had been one year since Massachusetts’ legalization of gay marriage spurred a broad backlash against gay rights, with 11 states approving similar measures in a tide that swept George W. Bush into his second term in office.

Not out to family or friends yet, I looked for a refuge — and headed for the biggest university in the only county in the state that rejected Proposition 2.

I was excited. I thought I’d thrive. And I did.

But it took a while. Even on a queer-friendly campus with multiple outlets and resources for the G’s, the L’s, the B’s and the T’s, I found that discomfort and insecurity could overwhelm

even the most determined of us.

It wasn’t until my sophomore year — frustrated with my own timidity and lack of confidence, and incited by immersion in queer studies — that I mustered the courage to come out. But at this point, the news surprised few. The fear had been my own, and with a deeply compassionate friend and understanding friends, I found that I’d had allies from the beginning.

My increasingly common story serves as just one sign of the changing attitudes that have allowed many queer Americans, especially youths, to live in “post-gay” spaces in which they can go about their daily lives with ease, their sexualities composing only a part of, rather than defining, their identities.

But the setbacks — sometimes numerous, and sometimes major — still sting, hinting at the work that remains. For every Annise Parker, who made history in January by becoming the first openly gay individual elected to lead a major American city, it seems that another state votes to roll back hard-fought victories for

the queer community. For every “Glee” or “Brokeback Mountain” whose success seems to signal a changing social environment, news surfaces of another individual beaten because of his or her sexual orientation.

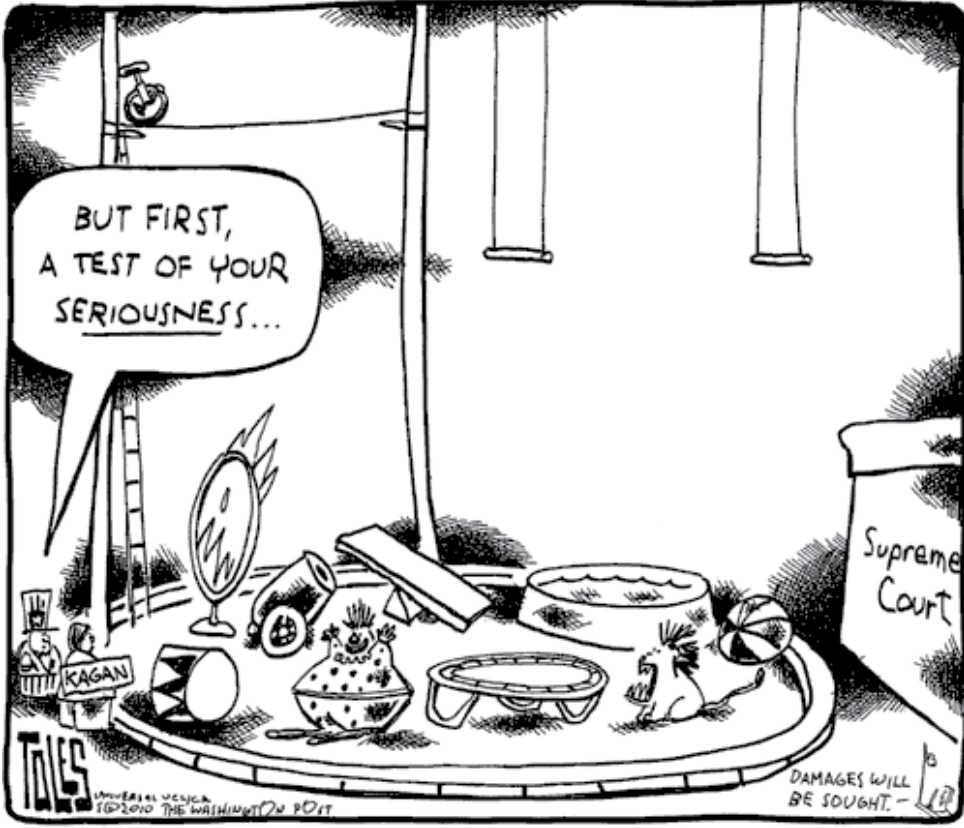
And what about those struggling quietly? Those whose families haven’t followed them on these journeys of acceptance, those reconciling sexuality and faith, those whose cultural ties add yet another intersection to their crossroads of identity.

On the verge of graduating, I look back at my years at UT and see that queer activism comes in shades — it’s fighting for marriage equality, but it’s also protesting for more basic rights like job protection and domestic partner benefits; it’s marching in the streets, but it’s also living with pride, whether you’re out there marching or not.

Oftentimes it’s the smaller personal victories for us that mean the most and speak the loudest — and for some of us, right now, that’s enough.

Muto is a Spanish and journalism senior.

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Coalition report criticizes rise in athletic budgets

By Lena Price
Daily Texan Staff

After two postponements, classics professor Tom Palaima presented a report at a Faculty Council meeting Monday on the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics conference criticizing university athletic departments' spending and athlete graduation rates nationwide.

The coalition, composed of 57 faculty representatives from Division A1 schools, was created to promote reform in intercollegiate athletics. The group held its annual meeting in January and stressed that faculty members should have more input in the governance of University athletics.

Palaima attended the conference and originally planned to present the report at the January meeting, but the presentation was delayed because the meeting exceeded its scheduled time. In February, Palaima postponed the presentation for a second time because the council failed to meet quorum.

Because college presidents spearhead fundraising efforts for universities, Palaima said the majority of them would not be willing to institute comprehensive reform within their athletic departments.

"Presidents have the visibility, and presidents have the power, but at a national level, they refuse to do anything," Palaima said. "The responsibility to set the standard and values of intercollegiate athletics should reside with

the faculty, but that is not where it does reside. There is a critical disjuncture."

The coalition passed a resolution during the conference that recommended establishing a faculty advisory board to oversee athletic departments and the process of making athletics departments completely financially self-sustainable.

According to the report, NCAA programs at colleges around the country need drastic reform because they run up significant debts to the academic sectors of universities and force colleges to lower their basic admission standards.

The average pay for head football coaches in Division 1A has increased 30 percent in the last two years, and more than 25 Division 1A

head football pages make more than \$2 million, according to the report. Although 85 percent of schools lose close to \$10 million a year because of athletic programs, UT is one of the few schools with an athletic budget that did not cost the academic side of the institution any money this year.

At the end of last football season, UT head football coach Mack Brown became the highest-paid coach in the country. In December, UT's Faculty Council passed an unofficial resolution condemning Brown's raise as "unseemly and inappropriate."

UT's athletic department could not be reached for comment.

CACTUS: Faculty Council hopes for increased input

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show times.

Performances would also take place once a week during lunchtime, primarily by student performers. Students interested in the music business would be given the opportunity to serve as interns, while students interested in performing can compete for one of the four artist-in-residence spots and open shows for bigger performers. Professional musicians will also host workshops on weekends for interested students.

The plan also predicts increased revenue from selling natural foods, Cactus Cafe merchandise and cafe memberships with special privileges. It also highlights an expanded marketing campaign through KUT Radio and various newspapers.

While many of the new programs increase the costs for the 31-year-old cafe, the authors of the plan state that they feel they can raise \$100,000 every year through fundraising. The group kicked off a pledge drive

Monday, hoping to make about \$36,000 solely on individual contributions of less than \$250.

González, who instituted a May 7 deadline for Cactus-related feedback, said he spent most of the weekend reading through letters and comments from various groups and individuals. He said he will be making a decision soon.

The Faculty Council passed a resolution Monday in support of involving faculty, staff, students, administrators and community members in any discussion that changes the structure of the cafe.

The council was unable to pass the resolution during its April meeting, after falling short of quorum.

Janet Staiger, council chairwoman and radio-television-film professor, stressed the importance of the Texas Union being meant for everyone.

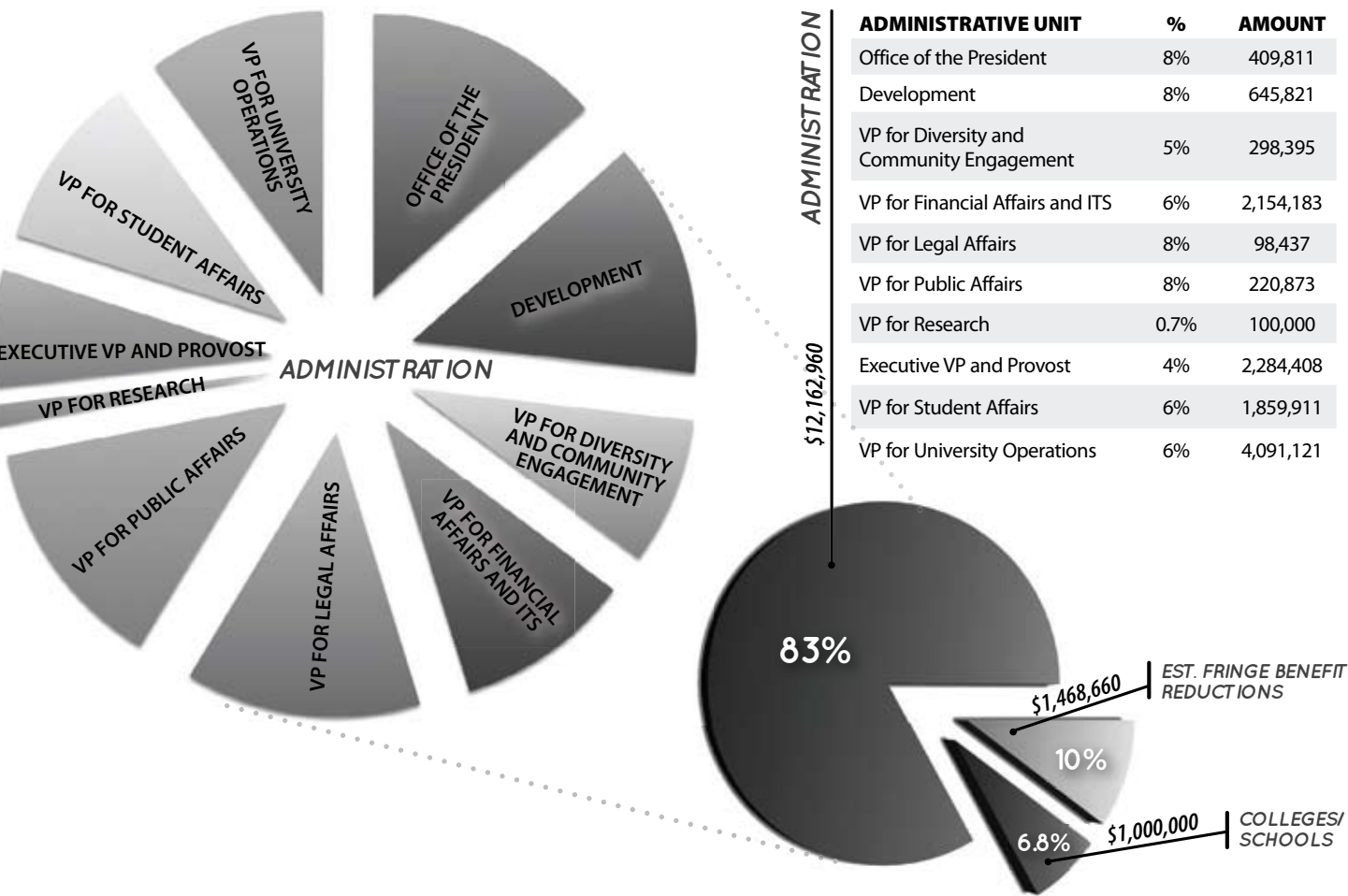
"There seems to be shifting reasons and changing explanations," Staiger said. "It's important [to have] open conversation on these matters and participation of all vested stakeholders."

Budget Reduction Plan for Fiscal Year 2010-11

Source: Office of the President

Total recurring reductions for one year: \$14,631,620

Budget cuts from the administrative sector accounted for 83% of the overall cuts. Each of the colleges/schools was required to cut 0.2% of their budget for an overall combined budget cut of \$1,000,000.



BUDGET: Reductions will target administrative offices

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fun to do, and we are aware that it will put stress on the campus."

Powers said one of the goals of the plan was to minimize the impact on the academic side of the University. Of the \$14.6 million in cuts, \$12.1 million will come from the 10 vice president and other administrative offices. Each individual college is required to cut 0.2 percent of its recurring budget.

"My view is that it is not strategic to make cuts across the board," Powers said. "One size does not fit all."

On Jan. 15, a letter signed by Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and Texas Speaker of the House Joe Straus asked all state agencies — including the UT System — to prepare a prioritized plan to cut 5 percent of their budget composed of state revenue. The letter came as a result of lower-than-anticipated sales-tax revenues from the holiday season. The governor's office has yet to announce an actual implementation of the cuts across the state, but the University will make the cuts, regardless.

"[The plan] is responding to what we think is a fair evaluation of state funding," Powers said. "We will have to see what the Legislature does. It could be better than this, it could be worse. It is hard to predict with precision what, exactly, the situation will be."

Including the 125 staff positions that have already been phased out, a total of 200 staff positions could be eliminated from administrative offices, either through layoffs or by not replacing staff members who retire or leave the University. Powers estimated that about half of the 125 jobs cut were a result of layoffs, and the other half through attrition.

"We do not face massive layoffs across the campus," Powers said. "This is very good news for the colleges."

Faculty and staff

The 200-person estimation does not include any potential job reductions that may come via budget

reallocations. Each department and unit in the University was asked in October to identify funds to contribute to a 2-percent pool for merit-based faculty and staff raises. Cuts made include the announcement to close the Cactus Cafe in January and McCombs School of Business layoffs in the fall.

Despite Powers' assertion that the layoffs will be minimal, considering that the University employs more than 16,000 staff members, Staff Council chairman Ben Bond said he wished the administration would have come up with more creative solutions to trimming the budget.

"It certainly is a tough situation, and it is unfortunate that the brunt of the cuts fall on the backs of the staff," Bond said.

He said layoffs would probably be necessary to eliminate the remaining 75 staff positions.

"The attrition rate varies by unit, but overall, it's pretty low," Bond said. "We tend to keep staff members here for a fairly long time."

Bond said the reduction plan will be discussed at the May 20 Staff Council meeting, but the group has not yet formed a formal response and did not provide direct feedback while the plan was being developed.

Faculty Council chairwoman Janet Staiger said the Faculty Council also did not give the administration any input about the plan before it was released.

"The faculty is not insisting on no budget cuts, but we do want to be consulted on decisions like this," Staiger said.

Impact

The reduction plan will be implemented in three phases. Twenty-five percent of the reductions must be completed by Aug. 31, 2010, while an additional 50 percent need to be completed by December 2010. The final 25 percent needs to be implemented by August 2011. Powers said the time period allows certain units, which have natural rates of employee at-

trition, to meet the quota without having to force layoffs.

The University will also save about \$1.4 million from not having to pay fringe benefits — employee benefits like health insurance and retirement money — to employees that are phased out.

Of the various administrative units, the Offices of the President, Development, Legal Affairs and Public Affairs will all have to reduce their budgets by 8 percent. The Office of the Vice President for University Operations will see the largest reduction — more than \$4 million.

The Office of the Vice President for Research budget will only be reduced by 0.7 percent. Powers said the research office, which encompasses more than 100 research units ranging from the Brackenridge Field Lab to the J.J. Pickle Research Campus, is in line with the academic mission of the University.

"The VP for research has a lot of research money [that funds] teaching units at the graduate level [and] even at the undergraduate level," Powers said. "So they are much more affiliated with research and teaching."

Juan Sanchez, vice president for research, said he agreed with Powers' philosophy to minimize cuts to departments that directly impact students.

"It is a small enough amount that I do not foresee any significant changes to the structure of the unit," Sanchez said. "I am actually happy with the outcome and that the University chose to take the proactive approach."

Because most research is funded through grant money and outside contracts, Sanchez said only the administrative side of the office will be affected.

Juan González, vice president for student affairs, whose portfolio will see a 6-percent reduction, said his office asked each unit director to send him reduction suggestions several months in advance, which were then evaluated and prioritized.

"We absolutely wanted to pre-

serve those programs and services that most directly serve students," González said.

He said health and safety programs, along with the Office of Student Financial Services, will be minimally impacted. González also said Student Government, the Senate of College Councils and the Graduate Student Assembly will likely not see any drastic reductions to their budgets.

González said he will need to sit down with unit directors to further flesh out the upcoming reductions.

Faculty Council resolution

The Faculty Council had originally planned to pass a resolution regarding the budget-reduction plan during its meeting Monday but will instead do so through no-protest voting, in which the resolution will be sent through e-mail, and faculty members will have two weeks to protest it. If the resolution receives five or more protests, it will not pass.

The legislation, drafted by Alan Friedman, English professor and chairman-elect of the council, outlines five Faculty Council recommendations. According to the legislation, the council opposes implementing layoffs on the most vulnerable employees, including "low-paid faculty, staff and graduate students."

The legislation also endorses slowing construction to avoid cutting faculty or staff positions, reevaluating the University's relations with the athletic department and reducing wasteful programs. Friedman said the last recommendation was left vague on the resolution on purpose. It outlines a need to create "retirement incentives with proper safeguards to minimize their being taken advantage of by the most productive faculty."

Currently, retirement packages are administered by individual colleges, and the council hopes to explore various options if the resolution passes.

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Girl Scouts Lana Hanlon, Jennifer Zvonek and Britta Garza get ready to give a presentation on Brazil to hostel guests. As part of their mission, HI-Austin hosts a Girl Scout troop once a month to encourage cultural awareness among youth.

COMMON GROUND

PHOTOS AND TEXT BY RENE HUYNH



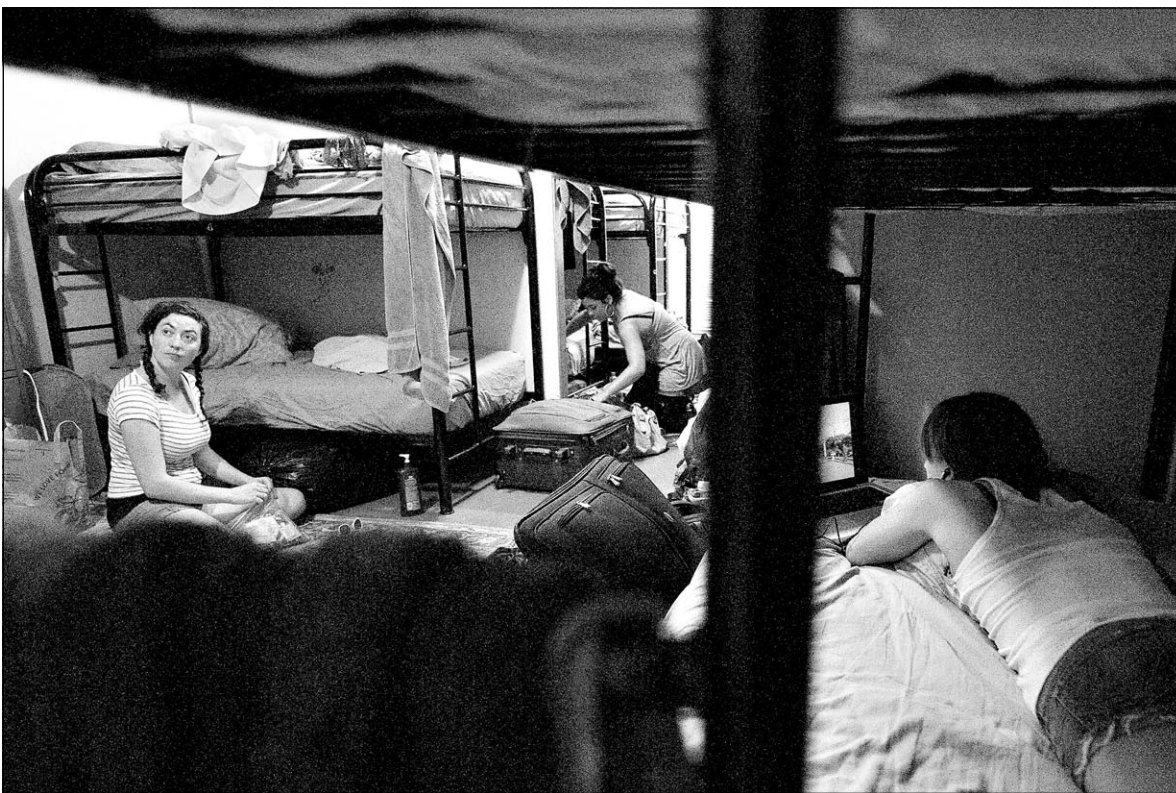
Michelle enters HI-Austin for the first time after arriving with the Intrepid Suntrek U.S. tour group. HI-Austin is the city's only hostel and has been in business for approximately 13 years.

During a recent trip to San Francisco, I asked a fellow hosteller from Ireland why he quit his job back home and decided to travel the world with little more than his camera. He responded with the kind of matter-of-fact conviction that I can only hope to eventually acquire, "I loved teaching kids, but I am first and foremost a photographer. So I must travel. I must take photographs."

His attitude was typical of the quintessential hosteller, as hostels are more than just cheap accommodations for backpackers on a budget. Hostels are havens and meeting points for colorful characters who, despite their different life stories, share a thread of commonality: they are open, gritty and fearless. They travel to fulfill personal goals through continuous interaction with new people and places.

Unbeknownst to most locals, hostelling is not limited to European travel experiences. Austin embodies this assertive free-spiritedness in Hostelling International Austin (HI-Austin), a nonprofit facility whose mission is to "help all, especially the young, gain a greater understanding of the world and its people through hostelling." HI-Austin regularly hosts events such as Cultural Kitchen to encourage interaction between guests from places as far away as Melbourne and as near as College Station. With its subtle but solid presence in town, the modest brick building serves as common ground for the local influx of insatiably curious, adventurous hostellers.

Emily Hager, left, from Vancouver, BC, shares a small room with two other backpackers from the UK and San Francisco. When staying in hostels, it is common for strangers to reside together in cramped quarters. One hosteller narrated in reference to meeting her new Swedish friend and roommate, "I woke up, and she was just sleeping in the bunk above me."



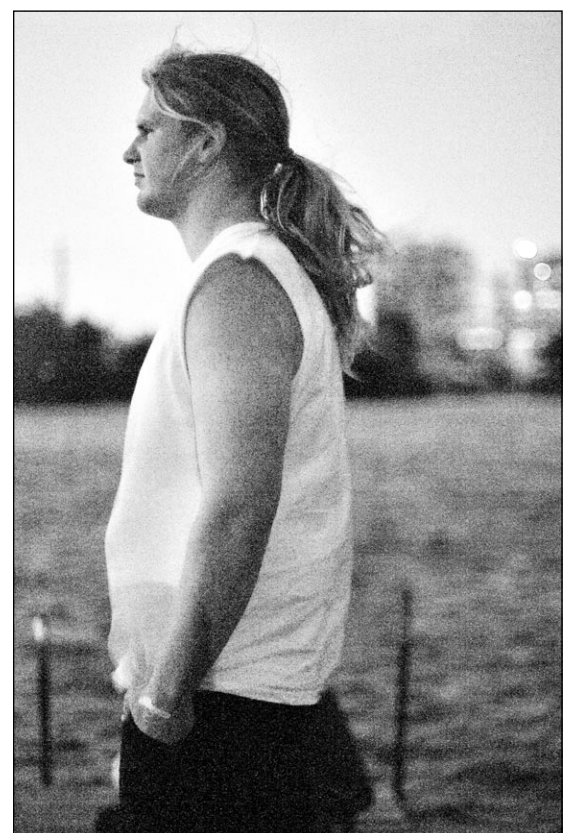
Managers from Hostelling International locations across North America mingle during a networking reception held at HI-Austin. The managers convene once a year to discuss the organization's goals and progress.



Jamie Beal, from Glasgow, Scotland, naps on Lady Bird Lake behind Hostelling International. Beal had been traveling for two weeks within the U.S. before the Iceland volcano eruption cancelled all UK flights and postponed his trip home.



An Intrepid Suntrek U.S. tour group arrives at the hostel after an eight-hour bus ride from N.M. Intrepid Suntrek travel agency conducts one-to-three-week budget lodging tours within North America.



Walter Riley O'Toole, from Orcas Island, Wash., watches the sun set on Lady Bird Lake. O'Toole, who was traveling alone, hitchhiked to Los Angeles before taking a train to Austin for the city's famous music scene.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK

Opportunities await Behm on the track

By Ryan Betori
Daily Texan Staff

Peer pressure isn't something to cave in to, but for sophomore Mia Behm, it seems to have worked out.

"It was pretty much peer pressure," Behm said about her decision to begin running track in her sophomore year of high school. "I played soccer, and my friends literally cornered me into a wall because the track team desperately needed distance runners."

For Behm, who had little initial interest in the sport, the decision to try track was supposed to be short-lived. But sometimes, friends know best.

"I pretty much planned on trying it once and leaving," Behm said. "Not that I was any good then, but I felt bad because they were really excited to have another person on the team. So I decided to stay."

Soon, Behm's track prowess proved to be as far-reaching as her sympathy. Many of Behm's soccer attributes translated seamlessly to the track, and she won the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools 4A state championships in the 1,600 meters and 800 during her first season. It was only then that Behm began to truly enjoy running. Despite her success, the distance specialist still fielded doubts about how far she wanted to take track.

"For a while, I didn't know if I wanted to run in college, but my coaches encouraged me to do it," Behm said. "And the way they trained me was to



Bobby Longoria | Daily Texan file photo

Sophomore Mia Behm runs in the middle of the pack during a race in this year's Texas Relays. Behm brings a light, feel-good attitude to the Longhorns that should not be confused with a lack of work ethic, as distance coach Steve Sisson calls her one of the team's hardest workers.

prep me for college running."

In addition to the support from coaches, Behm also found a lot of enthusiasm at home.

"My parents were way more into running than I was," she said.

"They told anyone and everyone they met about my running."

But as Behm continued to collect state championships, winning the 1,600 and 3,200 in her junior and senior seasons, she no longer had

to rely on her parents to spread the news about her accomplishments. Before long, some major colleges were calling.

"There were just cool people here, and I wanted to be around

cool people," Behm said about her decision to attend UT. "When I visited some other places, there were some lame people."

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Stewart brings Jamaican tradition to Texas

By Jim Pagels
Daily Texan Staff

How can such a small island nation like Jamaica have such incredible success at the Olympics?

Like Kenyan marathoners, British rock bands and Cuban cigar makers, Jamaica excels in sprinting despite a very small population.

Jamaica's track dominance is only a recent phenomenon, though. From 1980 to 2008, Jamaica won only three Olympic golds. In a span of six days in Beijing, Usain Bolt doubled that number.

Exercise physiologists at the University of Glasgow have recently done studies on runners of West African and Caribbean descent, who currently hold all but five of the 500 fastest recorded times in the 100-meter dash.

Though their research is still in progress, preliminary findings show that 70 percent of Jamaicans have the "strong" form of the ACTN3 gene, which produces a protein in the fast-twitch muscle fibers that have been linked to sprinting performance.

Other studies have linked the sprinting success to climate conditions and even finger-length ratios. UT track star and Jamaica native Keiron Stewart, though, seems

to think it's just the culture.

"Running is more a part of the culture there like football is here," he said. "Like, here in the U.S., you more look up to Tom Brady or Ray Lewis. In Jamaica, it's [100-meter gold medalists] Shelly-Ann Fraser or Usain Bolt."

Longhorn coach Bubba Thornton also seems to notice a trend.

"We've recruited a lot of very good men out of Jamaica," he said. "But it doesn't matter if they're from Jamaica or Mars. It takes a very special type of person to come to UT and compete."

Stewart's high-school experiences demonstrate that.

Stewart was a four-year standout at the Boys and Girls Athletics Championships. The meet is practically Jamaica's Super Bowl — it's nationally broadcast and draws tens of thousands of crazed fans.

"Every time we went down there, Keiron stood out from everyone else," Thornton said. "We really felt like we were recruiting the No. 1 young hurdler in the world."

After his time in Jamaica, Stewart came to UT, where he is one of the many freshmen who have had success with the Horns this season.



Amanda Martin | Daily Texan file photo

Freshman Keiron Stewart sprints in the 4x100 meter relay during this year's Texas Relays. Stewart, who hails from Jamaica, hopes to compete for his home country in the Olympics some day in the near future.

"It wasn't really a hard transition. We watch [American] television like 'The Cosby Show' and 'Seinfeld' all the time," Stewart said. "But my teammates have helped me acclimatize to Austin.

They're really good friends, and I now call them my family."

It was tough for Stewart's family to let him go to America, though.

"It was kind of hard for my mom to let me go since I was an

only child, but she just kind of gave me my space and allowed me to leave," he said. "This was always my dream — to come here

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Courtesy of Austin Ries

Austin Ries started out as a sports staff writer for The Daily Texan and is currently a senior writer covering the No. 2 baseball team.

Writer almost misses out on important opportunity

By Austin Ries
Daily Texan Staff

I could have done more.

The one sentence I never wanted to utter when looking back on my time at UT — or anytime, for that matter.

Of course, it's idealistic and somewhat cliché to believe

everyone can make the most of every moment with a "live like you're dying" cantor, but realistically, for me, it was impossible. Like everyone on campus, I sat through the same pseudo-inspirational high

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SOFTBALL

Losses cap Horns' regular season

UT turns attention to post-season after losing two straight to Georgia

By Matt Hohner
Daily Texan Staff

After being demolished by No. 10 Georgia 9-0 Sunday night, No. 12 Texas salvaged a potential blowout loss, losing to the Bulldogs 11-5.

The loss marked the fifth time Texas has been shut out this season, with four of those losses coming against ranked opponents.

Head coach Connie Clark put Blaire Luna back in the circle, but even Luna could not stop the bleeding after Sunday's massacre.

The top of the first inning was a strong indicator of what was to become of the regular-season finale. Luna allowed three straight hits to start the game, giving the Bulldogs an early 1-0 lead.

Defensive woes continued to haunt the Longhorns all game. Shortstop Loryn Johnson mishandled an infield grounder, which

allowed another run to cross the plate for Georgia. In the same inning, left fielder Courtney Craig failed to hold onto a pop up in foul territory. The team was playing sluggish.

"I thought Georgia was very well prepared," Clark said. "They came in with a game plan and probably studied some film on Blaire."

Luna went two innings, as she gave up eight hits, eight runs and three strikeouts.

Things got worse in the top of the third inning for the Longhorns when Georgia put up six runs, which seemed to suck the life out of the crowd. The only offense the Longhorns could draw up at the time was from center fielder Brittany Chalk, who homered to left field, which brought the crowd back to life. Chalk went 3 for 3 with two runs and one RBI.

"Having one little spark for our team lets us know that we can do it," Chalk said.

Texas put forth a courageous effort to avoid the mercy rule — which brings a game to an early end when one team has

a large and presumably insurmountable lead over their opponent — in the bottom of the fifth. Hooks capped off a four-run inning with a two-run home run to left field.

"I just wanted to hit, and fortunately, I got the home run," Hooks said.

However, the team's heroic efforts couldn't overcome the large deficit.

"We came out that inning with a lot of girls on base," Hooks said. "I thought we were starting to roll, but it was just a little too late."

These past two weekends could be a blessing in disguise for Clark's squad as they head into post-season play.

"I thought they were a hungrier team," Clark said. "You come off of a high of winning conference, which is a tough grind. At least it's not the end of our season."

The Longhorns will turn their attention to the Big 12 Championship as they head to Oklahoma City to face the winner of the Baylor-Iowa State matchup this coming weekend.

SIDELINE

NBA Playoffs

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LA Lakers 111
Utah 96

NHL Playoffs

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Pittsburgh 3
Montreal 4

MLB

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Toronto 6
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Pittsburgh 1

Washington 3
NY Mets 2

Florida 4
Chicago Cubs 2

Atlanta 8
Milwaukee 2

Philadelphia 9
Colorado 5

LA Dodgers 7
Arizona 3

SPORTS BRIEFLY

Mott leaves Texas, lives out dream as a coach in the SEC

Texas soccer assistant coach Matt Mott was named head coach at Ole Miss on Monday. Mott was head coach Chris Petrucelli's top assistant at Texas for the last four years.

In Mott's four seasons at Texas, he helped the Longhorns reach three NCAA tournaments, including back-to-back Sweet 16s in 2006 and 2007. Mott worked mostly with the goalkeepers and defenders and set a school record for "lowest goals against" average (0.64 in 2008) and several other defensive records during his tenure.

"I am thrilled to have the opportunity to come to Ole Miss and take over a great soccer program," Mott said. "I've had a wonderful four years at Texas, and it was difficult to leave. But I'm really excited to be back in the SEC, and I am ready to get to Ole Miss and get started."

Mott will be dearly missed at Texas, but he has always eyed a head coaching position in the SEC, since he was an assistant coach, then associate coach and recruiting coordinator at Auburn from 1999-2005.

"We're really excited for Matt and his opportunity to coach at the University of Mississippi," Petrucelli said. "I have no doubt that he will be extremely successful at Ole Miss."

— Laken Litman

Horns reach 10-20-40 mark for eighth time in last nine seasons

With the baseball team's 17-2 win over Kansas State on Saturday, the Texas' men's athletics program reached an impressive milestone. With that victory, the baseball team reached the 40-win mark. Coupled with the success of the football and men's basketball teams, it marked the eighth time in the last nine years that UT has had its football team record at least 10 wins, its men's basketball team post at least 20 wins and its baseball team post at least 40 wins.

To put this feat in better perspective, consider that only one other NCAA Division I school has accomplished the 10-20-40 milestone at least twice during the last nine years. Florida achieved the 10-20-40 feat in both 2001-02 and 2008-09 and has the chance to do it again this year.

Football posted a 13-1 mark during the 2009 season and extended its national-leading streak of consecutive 10-win seasons to nine. Texas has been ranked in the AP poll for 157 consecutive weeks, which is currently the longest streak in the country.

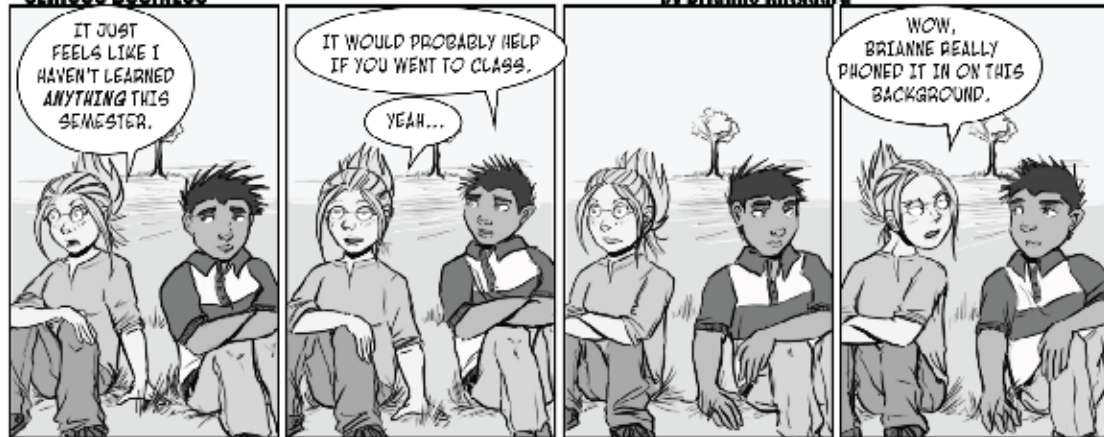
Men's basketball registered a 24-10 mark this past season.

Baseball, ranked No. 2 nationally in the latest Baseball America poll, holds a 41-8 mark (21-3 Big 12) through May 9.

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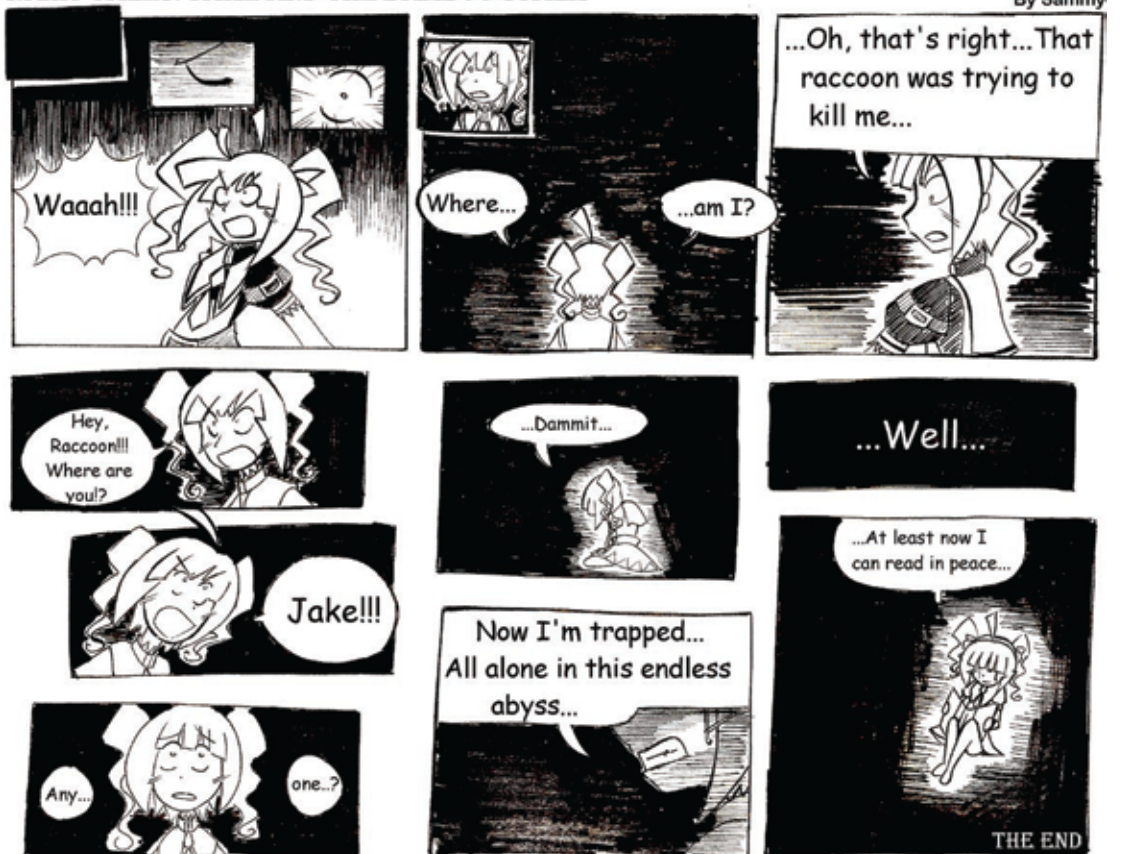
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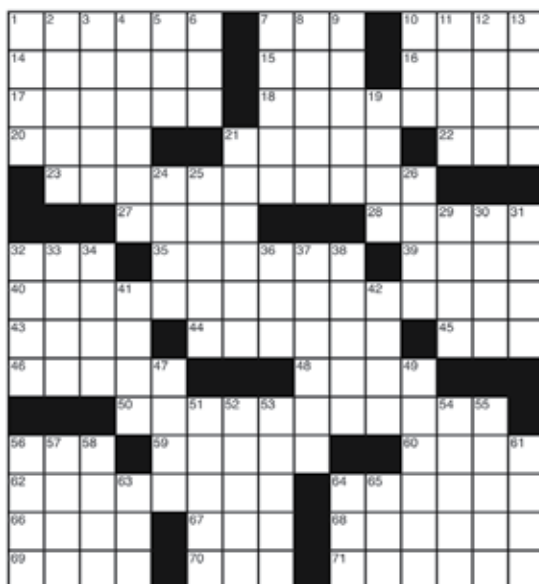


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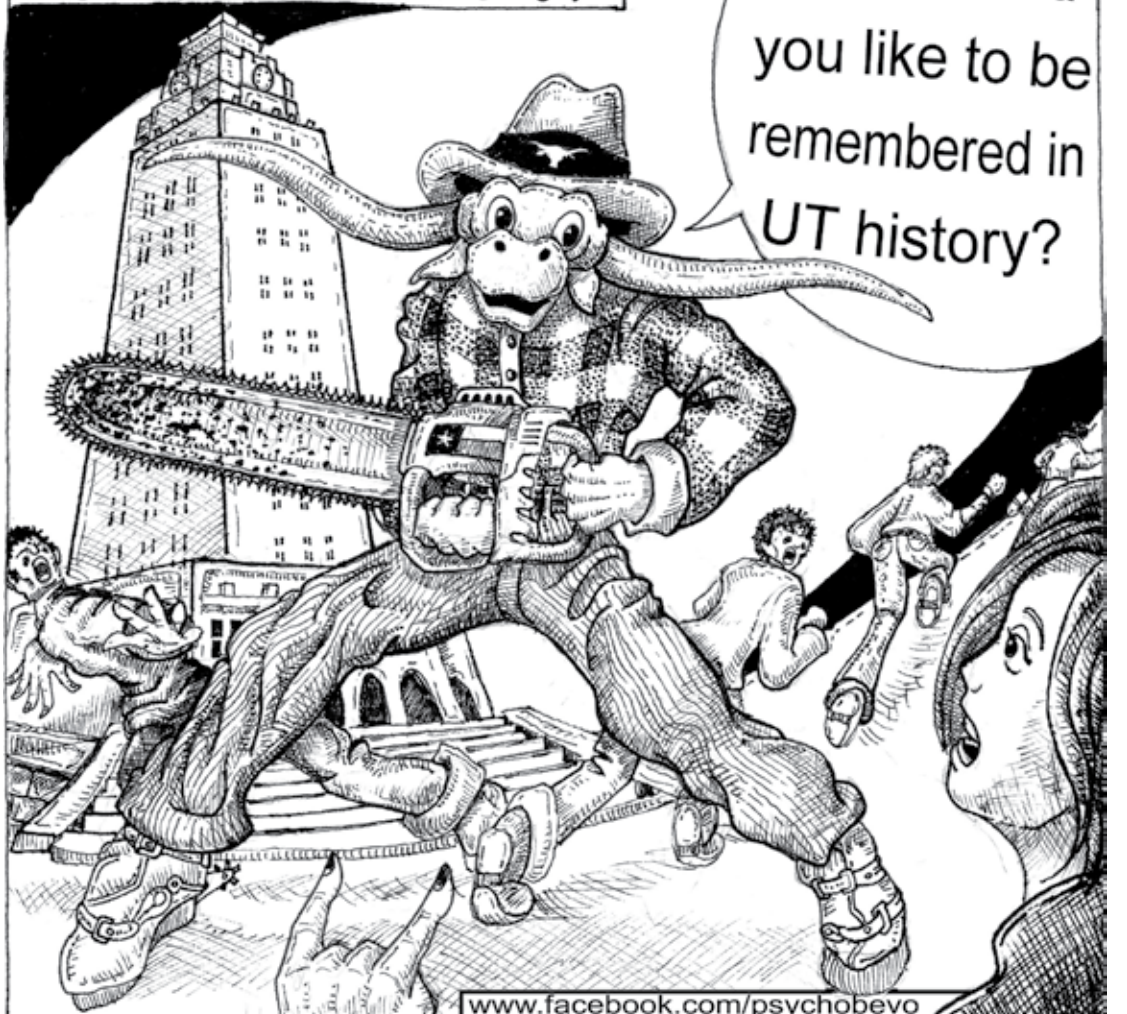


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STEWART: Hurdler hopes to stay healthy, run personal bests

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and get a free education and run track."

With his rich Jamaican accent, Stewart clearly isn't from Texas.

"It's hard to not notice [the accent], but I try sometimes to not say much and seem different from others, because I like to fit in," he said.

Since arriving in Austin last fall, Stewart has certainly fit in well. Only 7.89 seconds into the season, he had already qualified for regionals.

After winning the first 60-meter event of the season in January, Stewart continued his success throughout the indoor season, eventually placing fourth at the Big 12 Indoor Championships in February and then 15th at the

NCAA nationals in March.

The shift to a much longer 110-meter track in the outdoor season hasn't seemed to slow the hurdler down. At the dual meet versus Arkansas three weeks ago, he set personal records in the 110- and 400-meter hurdles to win both events. The 110-meter time of 13.60 seconds is currently the seventh-fastest in the nation.

Stewart continued that success one week later at the nation's largest track meet, Penn Relays. Competing in front of the traditionally large Jamaican crowd, he had the fifth-fastest preliminary time in the 110-meter hurdles before being held out of the finals as an injury precaution.

"It gave me a feeling of being back at home, seeing a lot of Jamaican flags, people talking my

language," Stewart said. "I just felt like I had a little piece of Jamaica in the U.S."

Since that meet, Stewart was held out of the Texas Invite two weeks ago to take time off before the Big 12 Outdoor Championships this weekend, where he is expected to finish near the top.

"Right now, the goal is just to stay healthy and run a personal best. If I keep running a PR, I'll be really happy, and that should put me in the finals at the NCAA meet," he said.

But even Stewart can't help but admit that with Jamaica's recent Olympic success, the international stage is definitely a possibility down the road.

"I'm definitely considering London in 2012, but I'm just taking it a step at a time," he said. "Right

now, it's Big 12s first and then regionals and nationals."

The island nation had six first-place finishes in track and field at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. The medals equaled one gold for every 450,000 residents — by far the best ratio of any nation. If China had won at that rate, the country would have earned 2,889 golds.

Stewart said that the Olympic athletes have had a major influence on him.

"Basically, I've met all of [the Olympians]. The country's not that big for anyone to hide, really, so once you're a part of track and field, you've met almost everyone possible," he said. "They've taught me a lot about how to keep my composure and just go out there and focus on what I'm doing."

RIES: Working for the Texan is a worthwhile experience

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school graduation speeches and have seen countless motivational posters and quotes like this gem — "Achievement: It is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed."

Thanks, Theodore Roosevelt. You were right, but it's harder than it sounds.

When I got to Texas, I told myself to meet as many people as I could, join organizations and make an impact on this campus that would last forever.

So I became a sports writer at The Daily Texan.

Almost the same thing.

Yes, I chose to be a lowly reporter that revels in competition, athletics and rivalries but never above the art of storytelling.

But, I almost never made it.

Four years ago, I stood atop the steps to the Texan as a scared freshman who needed a pep talk to make it down the stairs. I went to the sports department meeting, wrote a couple of poorly researched and constructed stories and after neither were published, I stopped showing up.

I was afraid to ask questions. I was afraid of looking stupid. I was afraid to fail.

And I missed out. On what, I'll never know. Road trips, friends, lessons, mess-ups, arguments, embarrassments — everything.

And I may have never made it back if I weren't for one night in a darkened living room at El Campo in West Campus, when a

friend of mine introduced me to Texan legend David Ryan Henry, who — after finding out I was a journalism major and sports enthusiast — told me to write for the Texan. Again.

This time, I did it right, and it was the greatest decision I ever made.

And for the last year and a half, I've gotten to do what I love — write about sports with a group of characters I'll never forget.

Besides getting to cover the red-hot baseball team this season, one of my biggest thrills was getting to write a handful of football features with two of my best friends at the paper, Blake Hurtik and Michael Sherfield. Guys, you have helped me so much, and I know we will all find jobs someday.

Chris Tavarez, thanks for your friendship and honesty with my stories. I know you will make the right decision.

Austin Talbert, you wanted me to write baseball, and I got to. I owe you everything.

And of course, Melanie Hauser, whose class meant the world to me as a student and as a writer. I now know how to tighten my writing for a job and not an internship.

So, looking back at the time I spent writing, reporting and working desk, all I can say is that it was worth it.

And while my time didn't begin like I wanted, it couldn't have ended any better.

BEHM: A lighthearted, positive attitude helps runner shine at Texas

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Basing such a pivotal decision on such a basic premise probably seems odd, but for Behm, who is as quick with jokes as she is running on the track, it made perfect sense.

"Mia is a very free-spirited individual," teammate Betzy Jimenez said. "Her being so lighthearted helps her to create a positive environment for herself and all those around her."

This positive attitude has translated into positive results. In her freshman season, Behm was a two-time All-Big 12 honoree, finishing seventh in the 5,000 meters and ninth in the 10,000 meters at the Big 12 Championships. This

year, as a sophomore, Behm was one of two Texas runners to qualify for the cross-country national championship. She also finished eighth in the 5,000 and 14th in the 3,000 in February's Big 12 Indoor Championships.

Just don't confuse her nonchalance with a lack of work ethic. Distance coach Steve Sisson called Behm "one of the team's hardest workers" and her work ethic "unimpeachable." In the high-pressure world of track and field, Behm's seemingly carefree demeanor is a rarity and an asset.

"There's a sense of play with her and that this is just a game rather than life or death," Sisson said.

Both Sisson and Jimenez em-

phasized another aspect of Behm's personality that has heavily contributed to her triumphs — Behm's refusal to put limits on herself and her ability.

This was evident at the Stanford Invitational two weeks ago. Behm's time of 16 minutes flat in the 5,000 was the best performance of her life. She shaved 24 seconds off her previous best, and it was the fastest Longhorn 5,000 time since 1988. Most importantly, the time established Behm as the nation's 12th fastest in the event.

"It was weird. I felt good the whole race, which never happens. It was like an out-of-body experience," Behm said.

Though Behm wasn't surprised

with her performance, she was surprised with the time. Behm wasn't expecting to hit the 16-minute mark until late this season or early next year.

Behm will be competing in the 5,000 at the upcoming Big 12 Championship, and despite her national ranking, a podium finish will not come easily. In terms of distance runners, the Big 12 is a loaded conference. It's also home to the nation's top runner, Iowa State's Lisa Koll.

"I expect her to finish top three," Jimenez said. "But then again, you can't put it past Mia to outkick Lisa."

Peer pressure? It's worked before.

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TV Tuesday brings last look at season's best, worst shows

TV TUESDAY By Robert Rich

It's been one hell of a season in the television world, and I've tried to keep up with it as much as possible in this column. Whether I succeeded or not has yet to be seen, but I'm going to make one last push. In honor of TV Tuesday's final installment, I'll leave you with some wisdom, and by wisdom, I mean a list of three shows you absolutely need to be watching (because they're great, and we want to ensure that they don't get canceled) and a list of three shows that you'll stay away from, if you know what's good for you.

Let's start with the three you should be keeping up with.

1 'Modern Family'
I've said it before, but I'll keep hounding you until you believe me. "Modern Family" is the best sitcom on television right now, and if you've yet to see it, you're missing out on the quintessential suburban comedy. It has an ensemble cast of immense talent, unique spins on traditional plot lines and enough laughs to keep Simon Cowell from being so damn moody. What else can you ask for?

2 'Fringe'
When J.J. Abrams' new sci-fi series started, I was skeptical, assuming that it would

pretty much be a giant rip-off of "The X-Files." In the beginning, it kind of was. But as time went on, "Fringe" proved itself to be a top-notch hour of television every week, pushing the boundaries of what we know, or think we know, about conventional science. There are plenty of moments that remind you of Mulder and Scully's past adventures, but "Fringe" knows that. Last week's episode included a direct homage to Mulder's famous "I want to believe" mantra — and by accepting and honoring its predecessor, "Fringe" is creating its own niche within the genre.

3 'Lost'
Yeah, I know there are only three episodes left — including tonight's — but "Lost" is the best show in recent memory, if not the best show of all time. If you haven't watched it by now, for the love of God, don't start with these final episodes, or you'll ruin a great adventure for yourself without understanding a thing. Wait until August, when the entire series is slated to be released on DVD. Purchase the DVD set and settle down for a thrill ride that will have you feeling like something is missing from every single other show on television.

And now, those poor, lost programs that just can't realize they shouldn't still be airing. Stay away from these shows,

and hopefully, they'll simply go away.

1 'Happy Town'
ABC's newest thriller was doomed from the start with everyone and their mothers comparing it to David Lynch's brilliant "Twin Peaks" of two decades ago. I had hoped that maybe the show would prove those guesstimates wrong when it aired, but it played right into them. The dialogue is hokey, the plot drags, and the show suffers from a general lack of intrigue and interest. Small towns are the scariest places on the planet, and with the right construction, shows about them are brilliant. "Happy Town" is not one of those shows.

2 'Community'
I may be in the minority here, but "Community" is largely a piece of junk. Most critics have claimed that the show has steadily gotten better over time, but that's not true. Joel McHale, while funny on "The Soup," is the epitome of a pretentious d-bag on "Community," and that's not a good thing. The show is good for a laugh from time to time, but it cannot hold my interest for any significant length of time, and I find giving up on it easier and easier as time goes on.

3 'American Idol'
Because, come on, it's "American Idol."



Photo courtesy of Babies

"Babies" follows four children from across the globe through their first year of life. The film is a refreshing look at nature versus nurture in the realm of raising children.

'Babies' compares parenting styles

By Katherine Kloc
Daily Texan Staff

When I walked into the theater to see "Babies," I was skeptical. Could footage of babies — and only babies — really keep me entertained and captivated for an hour and 20 minutes?

The answer is yes. Absolutely yes.

"Babies" follows four infants from around the world — Mari (Tokyo), Hattie (San Francisco), Bayar (Bayanchandmani, Mongolia) and Ponijao (Opuwo, Namibia) — from birth to their first birthdays. The stark cultural differences are readily apparent at the beginning of the film — the Namibian mother covers her belly in red powder preceding her low-key home birth; the Mongolian mother, newborn baby in her arms, hopped on the back of her husband's motorcycle shortly after giving birth for a long, hilly ride home from the hospital; and Hattie stays in the hospital's care for a few days, constantly monitored by numerous electronic devices.

Immediately after the birth of their children, the Mongolian parents and the African mother go back to work, demonstrating that "maternity leave" is literally a foreign concept to the

two families. But that is not to say that Mongolian Bayar and Namibian Ponijao are bored or neglected — quite the contrary. Bayar and Ponijao, who are given a freer rein than the other babies, find many ways to entertain themselves in their rural environments. Their parents do not dote on them or inundate them with toys, so they derive their entertainment from rocks, rolls of paper, siblings and pets.

The boys' parents are frequently shown playfully interacting with and caring for their children, but these encounters are more casual and not as strictly controlled as the urban parents'. In many parts of the movie, Mongolian Bayar and Namibian Ponijao actually seem more content than American Hattie, who is always shown in the company of one or both of her parents and is constantly surrounded by a plethora of toys and books.

In one scene, Hattie's father reads to Hattie while her mother is in the background reading a book entitled "Becoming the Parent You Want to Be." It's interesting that parenting books are so popular in the United States, yet Namibian Ponijao's upbringing shows that parents

do not have to read parenting books — or even make their child the center of their lives — to raise a baby successfully. It seems that this is the main message of the film: Regardless of each baby's upbringing and cultural background, the babies mature and develop at roughly the same rate.

While the parents and the settings play important roles in the movie, the film makes it clear that the four babies are the stars of the show. The film shows the babies going about their day-to-day lives, and there are many shots of them crying, smiling, bathing and eating. The film is not narrated or subtitled, which further emphasizes the visuals. While the decision to make the movie virtually wordless is risky, this approach simplifies the movie and makes it easier to follow.

Regardless of their situation or location, the babies provide nonstop entertainment and adorableness to the film. The audience's constant oohing and ahing is proof enough that the movie's claim that "everybody loves babies" is, indeed, true.

Grade: B+

'Iron Man 2' more prequel than sequel

By Gerald Rich
Daily Texan Staff

The superhero sequel "Iron Man 2" is exactly what the movie reviews in The New York Times, USA Today and Houston Chronicle have already said. The plot of "Iron Man 2" was only a stepping stone for the rest of the franchise.

"That was good," one moviegoer in the packed Alamo Drafthouse Theater said, echoing the reviews, "but I feel like they're just setting up for something bigger."

Don't take that the wrong way. The movie's filled with enough spandex-wearing Scarlett Johansson, Robert Downey Jr. quips and shiny metal ass-kicking to satisfy some expectations. However, take it from a comic book nerd who knows that there's much more to come: Marvel Studios was only prepping its kitchen with this movie to cook up the larger superhero team-up, "The Avengers."

"Iron Man 2" picks up right where the first film left off, with multi-gazillionaire military contractor Tony Stark, played by Downey, announcing to the world, "I am Iron Man." This time, though, the audience sees the announcement through a choppy Russian translation in the small apartment of the villain, played by Mickey Rourke.

While the movie goes on to paint Rourke as the son of an uncredited and deported physicist who worked with Stark's dad back in the day, "Iron Man 2" continues to lay on more and more plot points and characters. Stark's got his arc-reactor heart that's keeping him alive yet slowly poisoning him, a best friend who steals one of his superhero suits, a competing military contractor nipping at his heels, the U.S. Senate asking him to hand over the suit and the ominous S.H.I.E.L.D. agency



Photo courtesy of Iron Man 2

"Iron Man 2" does not fail to satiate the action film fan, but the film suffers from a busy plot and hurried character development.

watching his every move.

Now, for those of you who didn't spend your childhood zooming around your backyard pretending to be Iron Man, S.H.I.E.L.D., or Strategic Homeland Intervention, Enforcement and Logistics Division, is led by Nick Fury, played by Samuel Jackson, and is trying to get Stark to join the Avengers Initiative — a team of superheroes who have pooled their resources to protect humanity.

While this is enough to make any comic book fanboy or girl drool, it goes a little over the top with all the characters and plot points they've rushed to fit into the movie. We get it, Marvel, you're doing the big superhero team-up movie in 2012 and you're coming out with Captain America and Thor movie adaptations.

Zooming in on the individual characters in "Iron Man 2," the film doesn't disappoint. Once again, Downey brings the same mesmerizing level of witty banter and playboy antics to the screen that he did in the first "Iron Man." The verbal sparring between him

and Gwyneth Paltrow is as dynamic as the action.

Rourke also plays a better Russian than one might have thought, donning head-to-toe tattoos and a Russian accent for an almost sympathetic character. He doesn't want to rule the world. He just wants to avenge his father.

Johansson even gets in on the action by the end, showing off some amazingly acrobatic martial arts. Although she's generally known for her dramatic acting, she does the super agent Black Widow even more justice than the comic book pages themselves.

The only problem is that we never get to fully explore these brilliant characters. The movie is so busy trying to introduce everyone that you don't have time to relish any one particular performance. You're left still wanting to have seen "Iron Man 2," and not simply the prequel to "The Avengers."

Grade: B

CONCERTS: Break brings farewell tours, comebacks by top artists

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has persisted through all of these changes is a testament to how incredibly visionary the band can be. Chamber-pop outfit Mother Falcon will play the official after-show, and the group's newest songs have added a dreamy, surreal sonic element to their impeccable sets.

Chaos in Tejas kickoff with Pentagram and Black Tusk at Emo's, May 26

According to my metal enthusiast friend and former Daily Texan music writer Andy O'Connor, the Chaos in Tejas kickoff show is not to be missed. Victor Griffin, the guitarist from the classic 1980s Pentagram lineup, is joining the group again for many of its upcoming shows. And strangely, the legendary metal band has somewhat penetrated the indie subconscience — The Dead Weather covered "Forever My Queen" — and black metal is making a comeback, judging by the amount of metal vinyl records at Waterloo lately.

Voxtro at Emo's, June 3

Austin-based band Voxtro is calling this its "farewell show." One of the best bands to come out of Austin in the last decade, Voxtro is calling it quits due to "instantaneous decay," and the band's heartfelt and impassioned breakup letter with the world almost makes up for it. Catch Voxtro at its last Austin show this June, and get washed out in nostalgia. (Read the band's breakup letter here: <http://j.mp/cBYzRF>)

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Bobby Longoria
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Austin to host can't-miss concerts

By Francisco Marin
Daily Texan Columnist
Caribou and Toro y Moi at Emo's, Sunday

Daniel Victor Snaith of Caribou, formerly known by his stage name Manitoba, is embarking on a whirlwind U.S. and European tour to promote the release of *Swim*, the first LP he's released since 2007's critically acclaimed *Andorra*. Caribou's psych-electronic music could easily soundtrack a summer spent in Austin with its hypnotizing, droning jams. Toro y Moi, on the other hand, is rising in popularity due to the much blogged-about micro-genre called "chillwave" —

which is exactly what it sounds like. Soft, reverbed vocals and surreal, dreamy synths characterize this growing trend, and you'd be a fool to miss one of the best new acts on the tour circuit these days.

Drake at Stubb's, May 21

I was initially turned off by Drake when his first mixtapes surfaced on the Internet a few years ago. After all, we're talking about a Canadian who went to a private high school and who acted in "Degrassi." So for all of his rhymes about sipping syrup and for all his shout-outs to the Houston legends (Fat Pat, Lil' Keke, DJ Screw), it seemed as if nothing would

redeem his status as a rapper. But I've been proven wrong, because his sense of timing, his rhymes and his background knowledge of good hip-hop is too spectacular to ignore. And fortunately, Austin fans will get a chance to see this rising star up close.

Of Montreal, aftershow by Mother Falcon, at Mohawk, May 23

Of Montreal's evolution from psych-folk and indie pop to electro and synth-funk is phenomenal, to say the least. The fact that the band's staying power and fan base

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